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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of	)	
SALDANA et al.	)	Atty. Docket No. LAM2P222A
Application No. 09/748,708	)	
Filed: December 22, 2000	)	Examiner: G. B. M. Nguyen
For: POLISHING APPARATUS AND METHODS	)	
HAVING HIGH PROCESSING WORKLOAD	)	Group Art Unit: 3723
FOR CONTROLLING POLISHING PRESSURE	)	
<u>APPLIED BY POLISHING HEAD</u>	)	Date: September 10, 2002

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2002, please amend the captioned Application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 19, line 19 to read as follows:

The processing of the data representing the forces, and of the polishing head positions with respect to the resulting contact areas, may be performed by a central processor, or separately by a force controller, according to operational criteria in a processor guideline. The processor guideline relates to the level of processing workload, and may be used to determine whether the central processor alone, or the processor in conjunction with the separate force controller, is suitable for processing